



Gila County Superior Court

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

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<http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>

By using this website, the public/media representatives who are interested in finding out what cases have been filed for a specific individual can enter that person's name to find all cases in the system that are associated with that person. A specific case can also be viewed by entering the case number.

Once the case is selected, general information will appear, and includes the pleadings filed, hearings held, and status of the case. For more information about the case than the website displays, you may contact the office of the Clerk of Court.

Gila County Court Public Access

If an agency of the media is interested in following the progress of a particular Gila County case or a public interest case, the media representative may identify that case to the office of the Court Administrator. Information about the case may still be obtained from the Public Access to Court Information website, as the direct link will save the media time when researching the case. This Court's website can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

Superior Court Calendar Access

The Superior Court calendar is also available via the Internet at the following link:

http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila_public/ev_srch.action

Media representatives may look for information on a court calendar by selecting a calendar and the dates of interest. Information about the cases, times, and types of hearings set on those dates will be displayed.

The Gila County Superior Court Public Interest List is also available via the Internet at the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

For general questions regarding cases on the Public Interest Case List or any other case, please contact: Coleen Stevens, Public Information Officer, at: cstevens@courts.az.gov, or (928) 402-8674.

In the event that you want to view court records or obtain a copy of court documents, a request is first to be made to the Clerk of Court's office.

Please Note: Prior to releasing any documents, the Clerk's office will review files before releasing them to the public/media, in case the document contains confidential material. If the document contains such confidential information, the Clerk's office will redact this information before releasing it. If the document is confidential, the public/media are not permitted to view it, such as with a Pre-sentence report. **There is also a 50 cent charge per page.**

NOTE:

Diversion/Deferred Program

It is the policy of the Gila County Attorney's Office to offer some first time felony offenders an opportunity to avoid having a felony conviction on their permanent criminal history if they successfully participate and complete the Diversion or Deferred Prosecution Program.

For a full explanation of this program, please visit the County Attorney's web page at the following link:

http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county_attorney/diversion_deferred_program.php

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PENDING CASES

- CIVIL CASES -

Plaintiff:	DEBORAH NICHOLS	Defendant:	MICHAEL LOWE, PEAK MEDICAL CARE, PLLC
Case #:	CV2013-032		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Neal H. Bookspan Laura A. Rogal Jaburg & Wilk, P.C.	Attorney for Defendant:	Pro Per
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	NO HEARING DATE AT THIS TIME		
Case Notes:	Complainant alleges that the Defendant's actions breached his fiduciary and contractual duties and terms. Defendant is also said to have deliberately obstructed Plaintiff is seeking judgment be entered for compensatory damages and costs.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 Breach of Fiduciary Duty – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 2 Intentional Interference With business Expectancy – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 3 Breach of Contract Ct. 4 Statutory Accounting Ct. 5 Issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order; Preliminary Injunction; Permanent Injunction		

PENDING CASES

- CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Matthew Lee COX	Case #:	CR2013-439
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney's Office	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	April 23 2014	Jury Trial	in Globe
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of 3 counts of Forgery, and one count of Theft, in the altering of checks as well as the theft of money belonging to Rex Cox, with a value of \$1,000 to \$2,000.		
RULING ENTERED RE REJECTED PLEA BARGAIN <i>February 24, 2014 – Motion to Reconsider</i> Link- Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration COX.pdf			
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Forgery Ct. 2 - Forgery Ct. 3 - Forgery Ct. 4 - Theft		

Defendant:	Michael Alan VODEN	Case #:	CR2013-569
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney's Office Shawn Fuller	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Robert Duber, II	Superior Court:	Division II
Case Status:	March 3, 2014	Case Management Conference	in Globe
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of causing the death of Randall Burnett, by use of a handgun, without premeditation, but knowing that his conduct would cause death or serious physical injury. 12/12/13 – Defendant's Bond amount was modified from \$1m to \$200,000, with other release conditions including house arrest, remaining within his fenced property which is to be padlocked, and to wear an electronic monitoring device.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Second Degree Murder		

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

- CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Brandon Lee LEWIS	Case #:	CR2012-336
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney's Office	Defense:	Michael Harper Chuck Walker
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	May 6, 2014, @ 9:30	JURY TRIAL	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant was charged with a number of counts of assaulting Peace Officers, acting in a manner to prevent his arrest, as well as causing damage to a police vehicle and police uniform.		
ORDER VACATING JUDGMENT AND CONVICTIONS <i>Re: Convictions Entered: August 8, 2013</i> <i>LINK- FINALVacatingJudgmentConvictions.pdf</i>			
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 2 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 4 - Resisting Arrest Ct. 5 - Criminal Damage Ct. 6 - Criminal Damage		

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Brian Bradley BENDER	Case #:	CR2012-530
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Chad Shell
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with unlawfully controlling property, with a value of \$4,000 to \$25,000. Allegations also include the Defendant falsely claiming to be an organization representative with the intention of defrauding, as well as claiming to be licensed to submit a business proposal/bid.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Theft	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Criminal Impersonation	Class 6 Felony	
	Ct. 3 - Contracting Without a License	Class 1 Misdemeanor	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL – commenced October 22, 2013		
VERDICT:	Ct. 2 - Criminal Impersonation	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY	
	Ct. 3 - Contracting Without a License	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	February 3, 2014 @ 1:30	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION:	CT. 3 - CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE		CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suspended SentenceProbation for three (3) yearsAll Fines, Fees & Surcharges		

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Nathan James O'DONNELL	Case #:	CR2013-239
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Jonathan Warshaw
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with the possession and transportation of heroin, in such an amount as to be a quantity meant for sale. It is also alleged that the Defendant was in possession of drug paraphernalia, use of Marijuana and driving while suspended.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Possession of Narcotic Drug for Sale>threshold Ct. 2 - Transportation of Narcotic Drug for Sale>threshold Ct. 3 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug Ct. 4 - Use of a Narcotic Drug Ct. 5 - Use of Marijuana Ct. 6 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Ct. 7 - Aggravated DUI-Drugs/License suspended	Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 4 Felony Class 4 Felony Class 6 Felony Class 6 Felony Class 4 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL – commenced December 18, 2013		
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Possession of Narcotic Drug Ct. 2 - Possession of Narcotic Drug Ct. 3 - Possession of Narcotic Drug Ct. 4 - Use of a Narcotic Drug Ct. 5 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	January 21, 2014		
CONVICTION:	CT. 1 - POSSESSION OF NARCOTIC DRUG CT. 2 - POSSESSION OF NARCOTIC DRUG CT. 3 - POSSESSION OF NARCOTIC DRUG CT. 5 - POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Suspended SentenceMandatory Two (2) Years Probation (Prop 200)All Fines, Fees & Surcharges	Class 5 Felony Class 5 Felony Class 5 Felony Class 6Felony	

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Joshua Shane BLALOCK	Case #:	CR2013-105
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Ronal DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is accused of trafficking in stolen jewelry, which had been stolen from the victim, Kim Becker.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Trafficking Stolen Property in the 2 nd Degree	Class 3 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL – Commenced on January 22, 2014.		
VERDICT:	CT. 1 - TRAFFICKING STOLEN PROPERTY / 2ND DEGREE		JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY